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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

#### IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 86038104 PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF JANUARY 7, 2014

COMBE INCORPORATED, :

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Opposer,

v. : Opposition Proceeding No. 91214779

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MARKE ENTERPRISES, LLC,

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Applicant.

#### OPPOSER'S OPPOSITION TO APPLICANT'S OPPOSITION TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Combe Incorporated ("Opposer") submits this Opposition to Marke Enterprises, LLC's ("Applicant") Opposition to Order to Show Cause Why Judgment by Default Should Not be Entered Against Applicant in Accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 55(b)(2) (Applicant's Opposition").

#### I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

In order to set aside default judgment, an applicant must establish good cause as to why default judgment should not be entered against it, including, that it has a meritorious defense.

All the defenses alleged by Applicant fail as a matter of law. Because Applicant has failed to put forth any meritorious defense, the relief requested by Applicant should be denied as futile.

#### II. BACKGROUND

#### A. This Opposition Proceeding

Opposer has, for many years, offered for sale and sold in commerce health and personal care products, including but not limited to, powders, creams, moisturizers, washes, towlettes/wipes, and testing/screening kits for feminine use under trademarks consisting of or containing VAGISIL. It owns at least eight trademark registrations for its VAGISIL trademarks

for various health and personal care products - U.S. Registrations No. 1104172, No. 1424503, No. 2971826, No. 3285997, No. 3696951, No. 4073832, No. 4205458, and No. 4343995 ("Opposer's Marks"). Opposer's oldest registration for VAGISIL, U.S. Registration No. 1104172, for "pharmaceutical preparations – namely, medicated crèmes", was registered on October 17, 1978, and claims a first use date of September 13, 1973. (Ex. A).

On August 14, 2013, Applicant filed a trademark application for the mark VAGISERT for "Vaginal antifungal preparations" based on an intent to use the mark in commerce ("Applicant's Mark"). (Ex. B). Applicant's Mark was published for opposition on January 7, 2014. (Id.). On February 5, 2014, Opposer timely filed its Notice of Opposition to commence this proceeding. (Doc. 1).

Applicant's answer to the Notice of Opposition was due on March 17, 2014. (Doc. 2). No answer was filed. As a result, the Board issued a Notice of Default on April 1, 2014 allowing Applicant thirty (30) days to show cause why judgment by default should not be entered against it. (Doc. 4). Applicant has not shown good cause why default judgment should not be entered against it.

#### **B.** Other Pending Opposition Proceeding Between the Parties

On March 19, 2014, Opposer filed another notice of opposition, U.S. Opposition No. 91215509, opposing registration of Applicant's VAGISERT VAGINAL APPLICATORS and design trademark, U.S. Application Serial No. 86/038,137, for "Vaginal antifungal preparations" ("Second Opposition Proceeding"). This proceeding is pending before Interlocutory Attorney Jennifer Krisp.

Applicant's answer was due on April 28, 2014. (Second Opposition Proceeding, Doc. 2). Applicant did not timely file its answer.

On May 5, 2014, Applicant's counsel contacted Opposer's counsel to seek its consent to reopen the time for Applicant to respond to the Notice of Opposition because Applicant's delay in retaining new counsel prevented it from timely answering. (Ex. C, Declaration of Robert R. Caliri ("Dec. of Caliri") ¶¶2-3). Opposer's counsel agreed, but only on those grounds. (Id. at ¶4).

On May 5, 2014, in the Second Opposition Proceeding, Applicant filed a motion entitled "Applicant's Consent Motion to Reopen Time to Respond to Notice of Opposition and Motion to Suspend Proceedings Pending Disposition of Motion." The motion argues that Applicant has meritorious defenses based on laches, acquiescence, estoppel, and "famousness". (Second Opposition Proceeding, Doc. 5, pp. 5-6). A proposed answer to the Notice of Opposition is not attached to the motion.

Applicant's Motion in the Second Opposition falsely claims that Opposer "has given its oral consent to the relief requested." (Second Opposition Proceeding, Doc. 5, p. 1). Opposer's counsel has no recollection of Applicant's counsel discussing the alleged defenses of laches, acquiescence, estoppel, and "famousness" during the conversation between the two counsel. (Ex. C, Dec. of Caliri, ¶5). Opposer's counsel did not see the motion, and has no recollection of consenting, on behalf of Opposer, to Applicant alleging these defenses as support for the requested relief. (Id. at ¶¶ 5, 6). Because of the misrepresentations made in Applicant's pending motion in the Second Opposition Proceeding and Applicant's failure to put forth any meritorious defense, Opposer has concurrently filed an opposition to Applicant's request to reopen the time for it to respond in the Second Opposition Proceeding.

#### III. ARGUMENT

# A. Default Judgment Should Be Entered Because Applicant Does Not Have Any Meritorious Defenses

Default judgment should be entered because the four defenses offered by Applicant (1) laches, (2) acquiescence, (3) estoppel, and (4) "famousness" are not meritorious and do not constitute a complete defense to Opposer's claims. The defenses of laches, acquiescence or estoppel are generally not available in an opposition proceeding. *See Barbara's Bakery Inc. v. Landesman*, 82 USPQ2d 1283, 1292 n.14 (TTAB 2007); *see also University Book Store v. University of Wisconsin Board of Regents*, 33 USPQ2d 1385, 1401 n. 39 (TTAB 1994) (equitable defenses are not grounds for opposition).

Applicant's Opposition to the Notice of Default did not comply with the instructions of Section 312.01 of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure because it did not include an answer. Because Applicant has not answered the opposition, Applicant's Opposition is the only evidence of Applicant's allegations and defenses in response to the Notice of Opposition. Applicant's Opposition does not argue that there is no likelihood of confusion from Opposer's use of Opposer's Marks and Applicant's use of Applicant's Mark. As Applicant has for all intents and purposes conceded that confusion is inevitable, its equitable defenses of laches, acquiescence and estoppel fail as a matter of law and are not meritorious. See Christian Broadcasting Network Inc. v. ABS-CBN Intl's, 84 USPQ2d 1560, 1572 (TTAB 2007) (equitable defenses such as laches and acquiescence would not preclude a judgment for plaintiff if confusion is inevitable); see also Saint-Gobain Abrasives, Inc. v. Unova Industrial Automation Systems, Inc., 66 USPQ2d 1355, 1359 (TTAB 2003) (it is within the public interest to have certain registrations removed from the register and this interest, quoting W. D. Byron & Sons, Inc. v. Stein Bros. Mfg. Co., 146 USPQ 313, 316 (TTAB 1965), "cannot be waived by the

inaction of any single person or concern no matter how long the delay persists"), aff'd, 377 F.2d 1001, 153 USPQ 749 (CCPA 1967); *Turner v. Hops Grill & Bar Inc.*, 53 USPQ2d 1310, 1313 (TTAB 1999) (laches will not prevent cancellation where it is determined that confusion is inevitable).

#### 1. Applicant Does Not Have a Meritorious Laches Defense

Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1069, the defense of laches requires "a showing of undue delay in asserting rights against a claimant to a conflicting mark and prejudice resulting therefrom." *Nat'l Cable Television Assoc., Inc. v. Am. Cinema Editors, Inc.*, 937 F.2d 1572, 1580 (Fed. Cir. 1991) (citing *Ralston Purina Co. v. Midwest Cordage Co.*, 373 F.2d 1015, 1018-19 (CCPA 1967)). "[L]aches begins to run from the time action could be taken against the acquisition by another of a set of rights to which objection is later made." *Id.* at 1581 (citing 15 U.S.C. §§ 1065, 1072, 1115). In an opposition proceeding, laches does not begin to run until the opposed application is published for opposition. *Id.* at 1582

Applicant's Mark was published on January 7, 2014. (Ex. B). Thus, the time that Applicant's laches defense began to run was January 7, 2014. Opposer filed the instant Opposition Proceeding on February 5, 2014. (Doc. 1). Applicant has put forth no evidence or argument that Opposer unduly delayed in asserting its rights against Opposer since January 7, 2014 or that the delay since January 7, 2014 has caused Applicant to suffer any prejudice. Thus, Applicant's laches defense fails and is not meritorious.

In some instances, a laches defense can be offered in an opposition proceeding based on an opposer's failure to object to *applicant's* earlier registration of substantially the same mark for substantially the same goods. *See Lincoln Logs Ltd. v. Lincoln Pre-cut Log Homes, Inc.*, 971 F.2d 732 (Fed. Cir. 1992).

Contrary to the assertions of Applicant, U.S. Registration No. 401,202 for the mark VAGISERT for a "vaginal suppository" ("Expired VAGISERT Registration"), which expired in 1986, does not support Applicant's laches defense.

The Expired VAGISERT Registration was owned by Chicago Pharmacal Company. (Ex. D). Applicant has offered no evidence or argument that Chicago Pharmacal Company is Applicant – Marke Enterprises, LLC. Because Applicant was not the owner of the Expired VAGISERT Registration, it is not justified in relying on the existence of this non-identical expired registration to support its laches defense. *See Van Dyne-Crotty, Inc. v. Wear-Guard Corp.*, 926 F.2d 1156 (recognizing that a "tacking" defense applies when the prior registration and opposed application are owned by the same entity).

Additionally, based on a review of the registration certificates, Opposer could not have opposed or moved to cancel the Expired VAGISERT Registration based on a likelihood of confusion. The Expired VAGISERT Registration registered in 1943 and claimed a first use date in 1942. (Ex. D). Opposer's first registration for VAGISIL, Registration No. 1,104,172, for "pharmaceutical preparations – namely, medicated cremes" registered on October 17, 1978 and claimed a first use date of September 13, 1973. (Ex. A). According to the registrations, Opposer did not have priority and probably could not have moved to cancel the Expired VAGISERT Registration based on a likelihood of confusion.

Opposer's inability to challenge the Expired VAGISERT Registration does not give

Applicant an unfettered right to attempt to adopt Applicant's Mark. It has been nearly twenty

(20) years since Chicago Pharmacal abandoned its rights in the VAGISERT trademark. Since
then, Opposer has exclusively used Opposer's Marks without any use of VAGISERT by others.

Opposer is entitled to assert the rights it has obtained in Opposer's Marks over at least the past twenty (20) years against others, including against Applicant.

Even assuming that Opposer delayed in challenging registration of Applicant's Mark, a fact it vehemently contests, mere delay is not enough. *See Aquion Partners L.P. v. Envirogard Products Ltd.*, 43 USPQ2d 1371, 1374 (TTAB 1997). Applicant must also show that the delay materially prejudiced Applicant – meaning Applicant relied on the delay to its detriment. *Id.* Applicant has offered no argument or evidence that Opposer's delay in opposing Applicant's intended use and registration of Applicant's Mark in January and February 2014 caused Applicant to suffer material prejudice.

Applicant's laches defense is not meritorious because it would fail as a matter of law.

#### 2. Applicant Does Not Have a Meritorious Acquiescence Defense

In an *inter partes* proceeding, there is not a separate "acquiescence" defense. Instead "laches" is sometimes characterized as acquiescence. *See Nat'l Cable Television*, 937 F.2d at 1580. As Applicant's laches defense fails as a matter of law and is not meritorious, so does Applicant's acquiescence defense.

#### 3. Applicant Does Not Have a Meritorious Estoppel Defense

"The elements of equitable estoppel are (1) misleading conduct, which may include not only statements and action but silence and inaction, leading another to reasonably infer that rights will not be asserted against it; (2) reliance upon this conduct; and (3) due to this reliance, material prejudice if the delayed assertion of such rights is permitted." *Lincoln Logs Ltd. v. Lincoln Pre-Cut Log Homes, Inc.*, 971 F.2d 732, 734 (Fed. Cir. 1992).

The date that is relevant to Applicant's estoppel defense is the date Applicant's Mark was published for opposition – January 7, 2014. *See Bausch & Lomb Inc. v. Karl Storz GmbH & Co.* 

*KG*, 87 USPQ2d 1526, 1531 (TTAB 2008) ("Conduct which occurs prior to publication of the application for opposition generally cannot support a finding of equitable estoppel.") (citing *Lincoln Logs*, 971 F.2d at 734; *Nat'l Cable Television*, 937 F.2d at 1581).

Applicant does not have a meritorious estoppel defense. Opposer objected to Applicant's registration of Applicants Mark at the first opportunity it had, in February 2014. Additionally, Opposer has never, by affirmative conduct, silence or inaction, represented that Opposer would not challenge Applicant's intended use of Applicant's Mark. Applicant has not offered any evidence or argument that since January 2014 Opposer has done anything that would lead Applicant to reasonably infer that Opposer would not assert its rights in Opposer's Marks against it, that Applicant relied on Opposer's conduct or lack thereof, or that this reliance caused Applicant to suffer material prejudice. *See Lincoln Logs*, 971 F.2d at 734. Because Applicant has failed to argue or provide any evidence that would support a defense of estoppel, Applicant's equitable defense of estoppel fails as a matter of law and is not meritorious.

Applicant's attempt to use the Expired VAGISERT Registration to support its estoppel defense fails because Applicant never owned the Expired VAGISERT Registration, the Expired VAGISERT Registration is not identical for tacking purposes to Applicant's Mark, and Opposer's rights in VAGISIL predate Applicant's rights in Applicant's Mark.

Applicant's estoppel defense is not meritorious, fails as a matter of law and does not preclude entry of default judgment.

#### 4. Applicant Does Not Have a Meritorious "Famousness" Defense

It is unclear whether Applicant's "famousness" defense alleges that Opposer's Marks are famous or that Applicant's Mark, the application for registration of which is based on an intent to use, is famous. Regardless, this defense fails as a matter of law and is not meritorious because

Applicant has offered no evidence or argument that the defense is a viable defense to a claim

based on likelihood of confusion.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Board should deny the relief requested by Applicant because Applicant has failed to

show good cause why default judgment should not be entered. All the defenses offered by

Applicant fail as a matter of law. Because none of the defenses offered by Applicant are

meritorious, vacating the default and allowing this proceeding to resume would serve no useful

purpose.

WHEREFORE, Opposer, Combe Incorporated Inc., respectfully requests that the Board

deny the relief requested by Applicant and enter default judgment in favor of Opposer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: May 20, 2014

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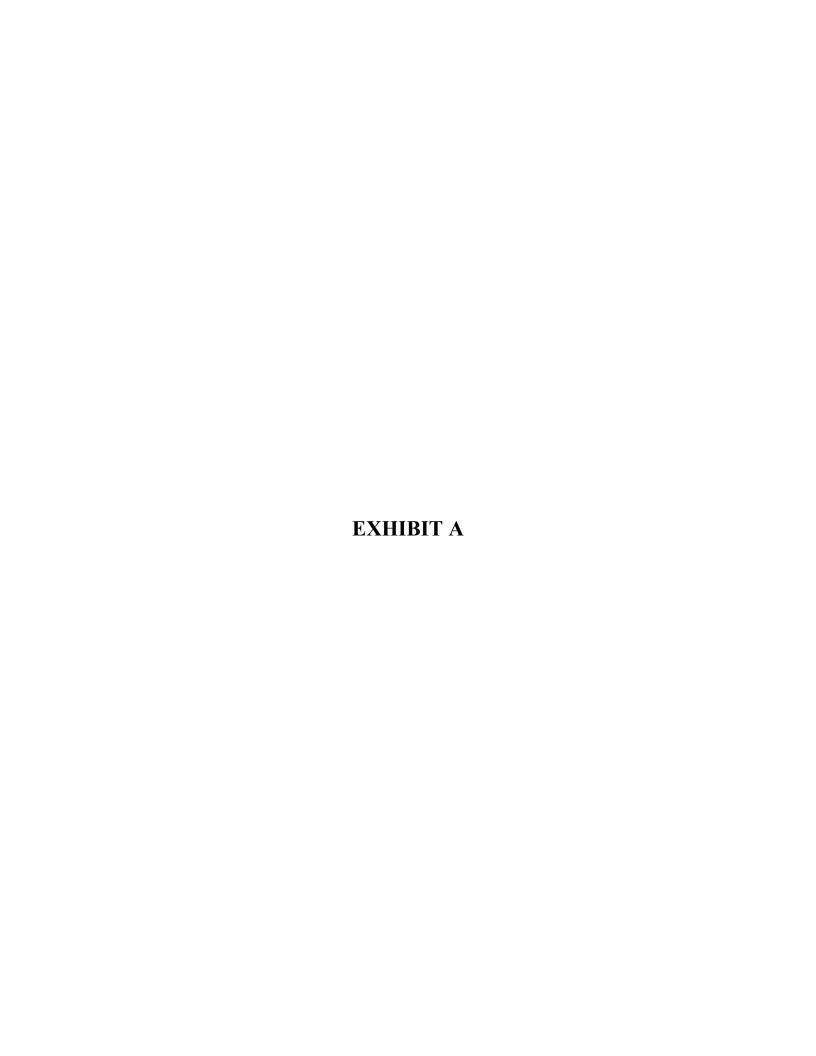
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Mark: VAGISIL

US Serial Number: 73164746 Application Filing Date: Apr. 03, 1978
US Registration Number: 1104172 Registration Date: Oct. 17, 1978

Register: Principal

Mark Type: Trademark

Status: The registration has been renewed.

Status Date: Jul. 29, 2008

#### **Mark Information**

Mark Literal Elements: VAGISIL
Standard Character Claim: No

Mark Drawing Type: 1 - TYPESET WORD(S) /LETTER(S) /NUMBER(S)

#### **Related Properties Information**

Claimed Ownership of US 0586869, 0979805, 0997471

Registrations:

#### **Goods and Services**

Note: The following symbols indicate that the registrant/owner has amended the goods/services:

Brackets [..] indicate deleted goods/services;

Double parenthesis ((..)) identify any goods/services not claimed in a Section 15 affidavit of

Asterisks \*..\* identify additional (new) wording in the goods/services.

For: PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS-NAMELY, MEDICATED CREMES

International Class(es): 005 - Primary Class U.S Class(es): 018

Class Status: ACTIVE Basis: 1(a)

**First Use:** Sep. 13, 1973 **Use in Commerce:** Sep. 13, 1973

#### **Basis Information (Case Level)**

 Filed Use:
 Yes
 Amended Use:
 No

 Filed ITU:
 No
 Currently ITU:
 No
 Amended ITU:
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 Filed 44E:
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Jan. 16, 2008	AUTOMATIC UPDATE OF ASSIGNMENT OF OWNERSHIP	
Jan. 07, 2008	CASE FILE IN TICRS	
Jun. 12, 2007	TEAS CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED	
Apr. 11, 2004	TEAS CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED	
Jun. 24, 1998	REGISTERED AND RENEWED (FIRST RENEWAL - 10 YRS)	
May 07, 1998	REGISTERED - SEC. 9 FILED/CHECK RECORD FOR SEC. 8	
Feb. 28, 1985	REGISTERED - SEC. 8 (6-YR) ACCEPTED & SEC. 15 ACK.	
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Affidavit of Continued Section 8 - Accepted

Use:

Affidavit of Section 15 - Accepted

Incontestability:

Renewal Date: Oct. 17, 2008

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### **Assignment Abstract Of Title Information**

Summary

Total Assignments: 3 Registrant: COMBE INCORPORATED

Assignment 1 of 3

Conveyance: ASSIGNS AS OF JAN. 1, 1981 THE ENTIRE INTEREST AND THE GOOD WILL

Reel/Frame: 0479/0725 Pages: 3

Date Recorded: Oct. 16, 1984

Supporting Documents: No Supporting Documents Available

Assignor

Name: COMBE INCORPORATED Execution Date: Oct. 11, 1984

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1	FILED AND FEE	Mar 07, 2013		
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3	PENDING, INSTITUTED	Mar 12, 2013		
4	STIP FOR EXT	Apr 10, 2013		
5	EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED	Apr 10, 2013		
6	ANSWER	May 14, 2013		
7	STIP TO SUSP PEND SETTL NEGOTIATIONS	Jun 25, 2013		
8	SUSPENDED	Jun 25, 2013		
9	STIP TO SUSP PEND SETTL NEGOTIATIONS	Dec 11, 2013		
10	SUSPENDED	Dec 11, 2013		

Int. Cl.: 5

Prior U.S. Cl.: 18

## United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 1,104,172 Registered Oct. 17, 1978

### TRADEMARK Principal Register

#### **VAGISIL**

Combe Incorporated (Delaware corporation) 1101 Westchester Ave. White Plains, N.Y. 10604

For: PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS—NAMELY, MEDICATED CREMES—in CLASS 5 (U.S.

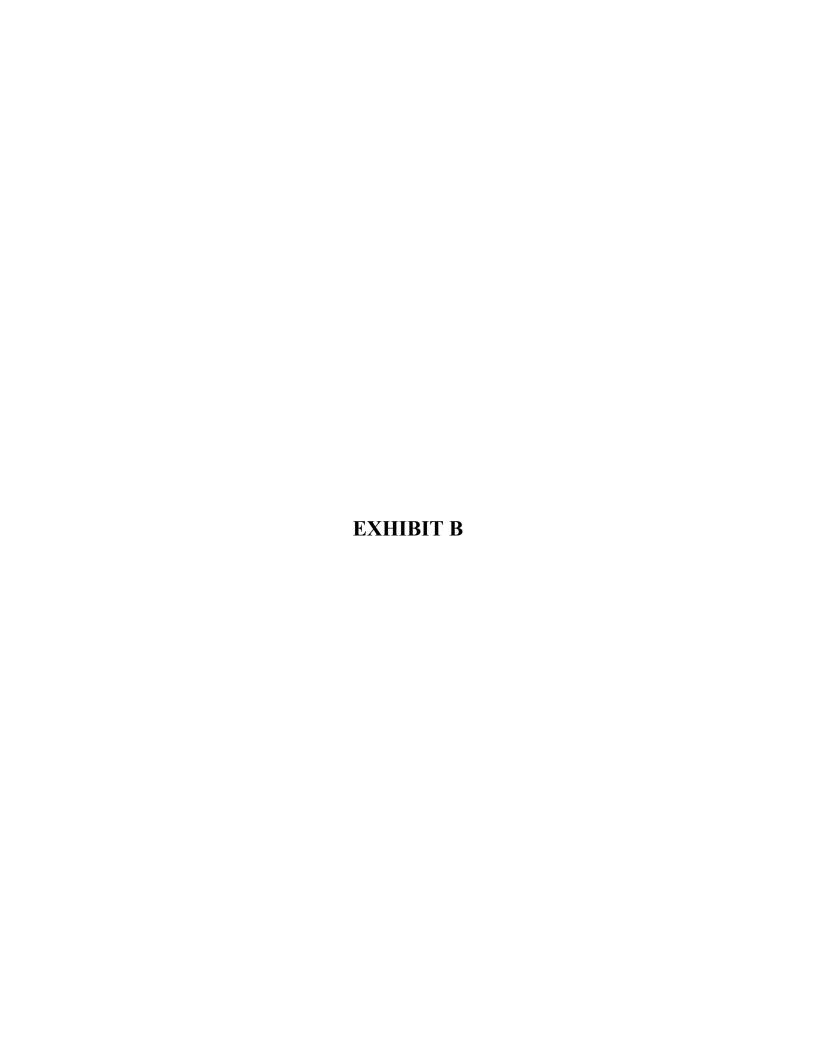
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First use on or about Sept. 13, 1973; in commerce on or about Sept. 13, 1973.

Owner of Reg. Nos. 586,869, 979,805, and 997,471.

Ser. No. 164,746, filed Apr. 3, 1978.

JOHN C. DEMOS, Supervisory Examiner R. H. NEILSON, Examiner



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#### VAGISERT

US Serial Number: 86038104 Application Filing Date: Aug. 14, 2013

Register: Principal

Mark Type: Trademark

Status: An opposition after publication is pending at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. For further information, see TTABVUE on the

Trademark Trial and Appeal Board web page.

Status Date: Feb. 05, 2014

Publication Date: Jan. 07, 2014

#### **Mark Information**

Mark Literal Elements: VAGISERT

Standard Character Claim: Yes. The mark consists of standard characters without claim to any particular font style, size, or color.

Mark Drawing Type: 4 - STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

#### **Goods and Services**

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• Asterisks \*..\* identify additional (new) wording in the goods/services.

For: Vaginal antifungal preparations

International Class(es): 005 - Primary Class U.S Class(es): 006, 018, 044, 046, 051, 052

Class Status: ACTIVE

Basis: 1(b)

#### **Basis Information (Case Level)**

 Filed Use:
 No
 Amended Use:
 No

 Filed ITU:
 Yes
 Currently ITU:
 Yes
 Amended ITU:
 No

 Filed 44D:
 No
 Currently 44D:
 No
 Amended 44D:
 No

 Filed 44E:
 No
 Amended 44E:
 No

Filed 66A: No Currently 66A: No Filed No Basis: No Currently No Basis: No

#### **Current Owner(s) Information**

Owner Name: Marke Enterprises, LLC

Owner Address: 227 Sandy Springs Place, Ste. D133

Atlanta, GEORGIA 30328 UNITED STATES

Legal Entity Type: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

State or Country Where GEORGIA

Organized

## **Attorney/Correspondence Information**

Attorney of Record - None Correspondent

Correspondent BRIAN J JACOBS

Name/Address: BRIAN J JACOBS ATTORNEY AT LAW

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VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA 91401

UNITED STATES

Phone: (513) 283-3372

**Domestic Representative - Not Found** 

## **Prosecution History**

Date	Description	Proceeding Number
Apr. 30, 2014	WITHDRAWAL OF ATTORNEY GRANTED	
Apr. 30, 2014	TEAS WITHDRAWAL OF ATTORNEY RECEIVED	
Apr. 30, 2014	ATTORNEY REVOKED AND/OR APPOINTED	
Apr. 30, 2014	TEAS REVOKE/APPOINT ATTORNEY RECEIVED	
Feb. 05, 2014	OPPOSITION INSTITUTED NO. 999999	214779
Feb. 05, 2014	OPPOSITION PAPERS RECEIVED AT TTAB	
Jan. 07, 2014	OFFICIAL GAZETTE PUBLICATION CONFIRMATION E-MAILED	
Jan. 07, 2014	PUBLISHED FOR OPPOSITION	
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Dec. 02, 2013	APPROVED FOR PUB - PRINCIPAL REGISTER	
Nov. 30, 2013	ASSIGNED TO EXAMINER	74818
Oct. 17, 2013	TEAS CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED	
Aug. 23, 2013	NEW APPLICATION OFFICE SUPPLIED DATA ENTERED IN TRAM	
Aug. 17, 2013	NEW APPLICATION ENTERED IN TRAM	

#### **TM Staff and Location Information**

TM Staff Information		
TM Attorney: KHAN, ASMAT A	Law Office Assigned: LAW OFFICE 114	
	File Location	
Current Location: PUBLICATION AND ISSUE SECTION	Date in Location: Dec. 05, 2013	

## **Proceedings**

Summary
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Number of Proceedings: 1

#### Type of Proceeding: Opposition

 Proceeding Number:
 91214779
 Filing Date:
 Feb 05, 2014

 Status:
 Pending
 Status Date:
 Feb 05, 2014

Interlocutory Attorney: YONG OH (RICHARD) KIM

Defendant

Name: Marke Enterprises, LLC

Correspondent Address: BRIAN J JACOBS

BRIAN J JACOBS ATTORNEY AT LAW 6464 WOODMAN AVENUE, SUITE 103

VAN NUYS CA , 91401 UNITED STATES

Correspondent e-mail: <u>brianjacobs21@yahoo.com</u>

Mark	Application Status	Serial Registration Number Number
VAGISERT	Opposition Pending	<u>86038104</u>
	Plaintiff(s)	

Name: Combe Incorporated

Correspondent Address: ROBERT R CALIRI

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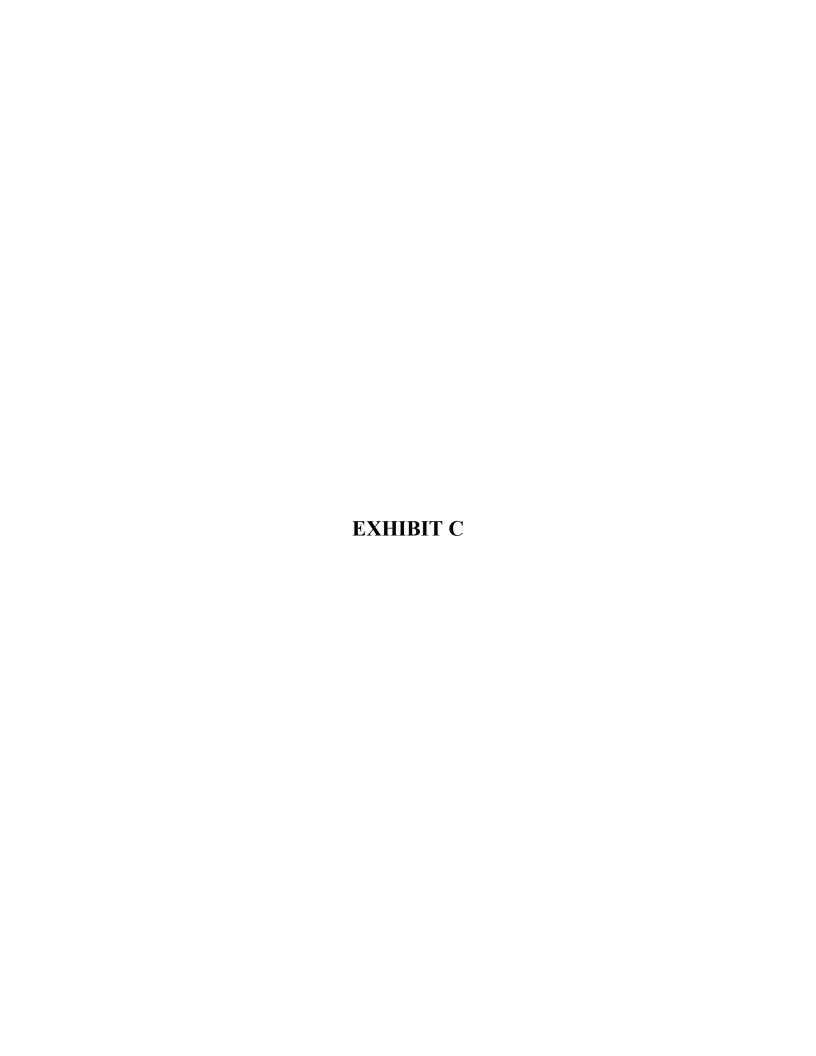
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE, 36TH FLOOR

CHICAGO IL, 60606 UNITED STATES

 $\textbf{Correspondent e-mail:} \ \ \underline{ realiri@olsonip.com} \ , \ \underline{ adigman@olsonip.com} \ , \ \underline{ docket@olsonip.com} \ , \\$ 

Associated marks			
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3	PENDING, INSTITUTED	Feb 05, 2014					
4	NOTICE OF DEFAULT	Apr 01, 2014					
5	D RESP TO BD ORDER/INQUIRY	Apr 30, 2014					



# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

#### IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 86038104 PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF JANUARY 7, 2014

COMBE INCORPORATED, :

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Opposer,

v. . . . Oppo

Opposition Proceeding No. 91214779

MARKE ENTERPRISES, LLC,

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Applicant. :

# DECLARATION OF ROBERT R. CALIRI IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSER'S OPPOSITION TO APPLICANT'S OPPOSITION TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

#### I, ROBERT R. CALIRI, declare as follows:

- 1. I am of counsel with Olson & Cepuritis, Ltd., attorneys for Opposer Combe Incorporated ("Combe"). I am over 18 years of age and have personal knowledge of the matters included in this Declaration. I submit this Declaration in Support of Opposer's Opposition to Applicant's Opposition to Order to Show Cause filed in U.S. Opposition Proceeding No. 91214779.
- 2. On May 5, 2014, Brian J. Jacobs, as counsel for Marke Enterprises, LLC ("Marke"), contacted me to seek Combe's consent to reopen the time for Marke to answer the notice of opposition between the parties U.S. Opposition No. 91215509.
- 3. Mr. Jacobs represented that Marke's delay in timely responding to the notice of opposition was a result of its need to obtain new counsel.

4. I, on behalf of Combe, consented to Marke moving to reopen the time for it to

respond to the notice of opposition on the basis that Marke's delay in responding to the notice of

opposition was a result of its need to obtain new counsel.

5. I have no recollection of Mr. Jacobs discussing Marke's defenses of laches,

acquiescence, estoppel, and/or "famousness" during our conversation on May 5, 2014.

6. I did not see the motion and I have no recollection of consenting, on behalf of

Combe, to Marke moving to reopen the time for it to respond to the notice of opposition on the

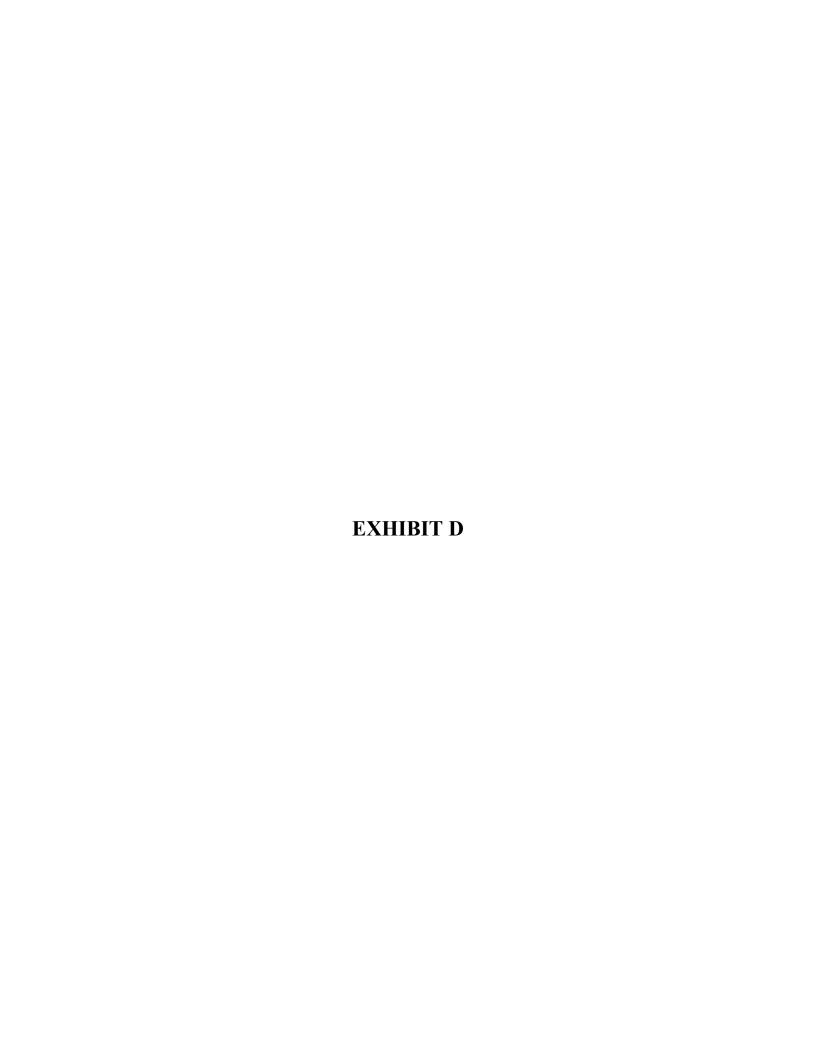
defenses of laches, acquiescence, estoppel and/or "famousness".

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct. Executed on May

20, 2014 in Chicago, Illinois.

/Robert R. Carliri/

Robert R. Caliri



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VAGISERT

US Serial Number: 71457460 Application Filing Date: Dec. 17, 1942
US Registration Number: 401202 Registration Date: Apr. 27, 1943

Register: Principal

Mark Type: Trademark

Status: This registration was not renewed and therefore has expired.

Status Date: Jan. 10, 1986

#### **Mark Information**

Mark Literal Elements: VAGISERT
Standard Character Claim: No

Mark Drawing Type: 5 - AN ILLUSTRATION DRAWING WITH WORD(S) /LETTER(S)/ NUMBER(S) INSTYLIZED FORM

#### **Related Properties Information**

Publish Previously Yes Registered Mark:

Previously Registered Apr. 08, 1952

**Mark Publication Date:** 

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For: VAGINAL SUPPOSITORY

International Class(es): 005 U.S Class(es): 018 - Primary Class

Class Status: EXPIRED

Basis: 1(a)

#### **Basis Information (Case Level)**

Filed Use: Yes Currently Use: Yes Amended Use: No
Filed ITU: No Currently ITU: No Amended ITU: No
Filed 44D: No Currently 44D: No Amended 44D: No
Filed 44E: No Currently 44E: No Amended 44E: No

Filed 66A: No Currently 66A: No Filed No Basis: No Currently No Basis: No

## **Current Owner(s) Information**

Owner Name: CHICAGO PHARMACAL COMPANY

Owner Address: CHICAGO, ILL.
Legal Entity Type: ILLINOIS.

State or Country Where No Place Where Organized Found

Organized:

## **Attorney/Correspondence Information**

Attorney of Record - None Correspondent

Correspondent ? Name/Address:

**Domestic Representative - Not Found** 

## **Prosecution History**

Date Description Proceeding Number

Jan. 10, 1986 EXPIRED SEC. 9

## **Maintenance Filings or Post Registration Information**

Affidavit of Continued Section 8 - Accepted

Use:

Affidavit of Section 15 - Accepted

Incontestability:

#### **TM Staff and Location Information**

TM Staff Information - None

File Location

Current Location: FILE DESTROYED Date in Location: Jun. 01, 1989

### **Assignment Abstract Of Title Information**

Summary

Total Assignments: 1

Assignment 1 of 1

Conveyance: CHANGE OF NAME 19640424

Date Recorded: May 20, 1964

Supporting Documents: No Supporting Documents Available

Assignor

Name: CHICAGO PHARMACAL COMPANY Execution Date: May 18, 1964

Legal Entity Type: UNKNOWN State or Country Where No Place Where Organized Found

Organized:

Assignee

Name: CONAL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Legal Entity Type: UNKNOWN State or Country Where No Place Where Organized Found

Organized:

Address: No Assignee Address Found

Correspondent

Correspondent Name: ANDERSON, LUEDEKA ET AL.

Correspondent Address: 2157 FIELD BLDG.

135 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60603

Domestic Representative - Not Found

#### Registered Apr. 27, 1943

Republished, under the Act of 1946, April 8, 1952, by Chicago Fharmacal Company, Chicago, Ill., a corporation of Illinois.

## UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

The Chicago Pharmacal Company, Chicago, Ill.

Act of February 20, 1905

Application December 17, 1942, Serial No. 457,460

## **VAGISERT**

#### STATEMENT

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that The Chicago Pharmacal Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois and located at Chicago, Illinois, and doing business at No. 5547 Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, has adopted and used the trade-mark shown in the accompanying drawing, for a VAGINAL SUPPOSITORY, in Class 6, Chemicals, medicines, and pharmaceutical preparations, and presents herewith five specimens or facsimiles showing the trade-mark as actually used by applicant upon the goods, and requests that the same be registered in the United States Patent Office in accordance with the act of February 20, 1905, as amended.

The trade-mark has been continuously used and applied to said goods in applicant's business since November 4, 1942.

The trade-mark is applied or affixed to the goods, or to the packages containing the same by placing thereon a printed label on which the trade-mark is shown.

The undersigned hereby appoints Mida, Richards and Murray, a firm composed of Lee W. Mida, Brayton G. Richards and Alexander W. Murray, whose postal address is 537 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, its attorneys, to prosecute this application for registration, with full powers of substitution and revocation, and to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the certificate and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith.

THE CHICAGO
PHARMACAL COMPANY,
By W. B. TAYLOR, Jr.,
Secretary.